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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Harry Klock, on April 1, 2011 at 3:15 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Harry Klock, Chair (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Keith Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R))
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Sterling Small (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. James Knox (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Cara Gold, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 415, 3/31/2011

00:00:05 The Chairman welcomed the committee and reviewed the committee rules.

HEARING ON SB 415

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:00 Sen. Bob Lake (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 415, Generally revising oil and gas lease laws.

00:01:55 Rep. Knox and Rep. Peterson entered the hearing.

00:03:38 Rep. Phillips and Rep. McNally entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:30 Patrick Montalban, Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association (NMOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(feh73a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh73a02\)](#)

00:12:24 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:09 Mary Sexton, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(feh73a03\)](#)

00:20:18 Clayton Elliott, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

00:22:55 Rep. Stahl entered the hearing.

00:24:20 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:25:04 Rep. Small left the hearing.

00:27:35 Shelbi Dantic, Montana Public Interest Research Group (PIRG)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:19 Rep. O'Hara

00:28:53 Mary Sexton

00:30:13 Rep. O'Hara

00:30:28 Mary Sexton

00:31:14 Rep. Regier

00:31:27 Mary Sexton

00:32:18 Rep. Regier

00:32:25 Mary Sexton

00:33:12 Rep. Regier

00:33:22 Mary Sexton

00:34:05	Rep. Knox
00:34:57	Mary Sexton
00:35:37	Rep. Knox
00:35:57	Dave Galt
00:36:17	Rep. Kary
00:36:40	Dave Galt
00:37:05	Patrick Montalban
00:37:42	Rep. Kary
00:38:07	Patrick Montalban
00:38:13	Rep. Kary
00:38:27	Patrick Montalban
00:38:44	Rep. Kary
00:38:57	Patrick Montalban
00:40:04	Rep. Peterson
00:40:36	Mary Sexton
00:41:08	Rep. Peterson
00:41:11	Patrick Montalban
00:42:38	Rep. Knudsen
00:42:57	Mary Sexton
00:43:17	Rep. McNally
00:43:48	Mary Sexton
00:43:51	Rep. McNally
00:43:56	Mary Sexton

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:18	Sen. Lake
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ADJOURNMENT

00:46:35

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Cara Gold, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh73aad.pdf](#))